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Missoula City Council

June 8, 2026, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)
Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members Present:	Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Sean McCoy, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Amber Sherrill
Members Absent:	Jennifer Savage
Administration Present:	Mayor Andrea Davis, Ryan Sudbury, City Attorney, Claire Trimble, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Mayor Andrea Davis at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from June 1, 2026

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

3.1 Committee Schedule for June 10, 2026

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Neighborhood Council Updates

4.1.1 Rose Park Leadership Team Report

Audrey Hayes gave the neighborhood report noting the Annual Rose Park General Meeting scheduled in August, featuring free ice cream, city department tables, a raffle, and updates on local projects. The Leadership Council is conducting a survey to guide neighborhood priorities, with participants entered into a raffle for gift cards. Winners will be announced in August.

4.2 Proclamation - Wildfire Smoke Ready Week

Amy Cilimburg, of Climate Smart Missoula, explained that Wildfire Smoke Ready Week, including a panel discussion at the Missoula Public Library. She emphasized the importance of early outreach and collaboration across counties to help residents and businesses get ready for smoke season.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Danielle Pettry expressed concern about unresolved funding gaps and lack of transparency in the Safety Access and Mobility for Cyclist (SAM) project, urging the council to clarify financial sources before proceeding with a vote.

- Suzette Dussault encouraged the council to prioritize neighborhood-building and a sense of place in city development, sharing examples of affordable housing models from other cities to illustrate her point.
- Carrie Schreiber expressed concerns about environmental impacts and community safety in city development projects, criticized the lack of thorough environmental studies and public input, and urged city leaders to review a recent police-related tragedy.
- Sarah Giuliani thanked Danielle Pettry for tracking the SAM project, urged city council to consider working-class budgets when approving projects, and echoed concerns about a recent police-related tragedy.
- Mary Giuliani thanked Danielle Petrie for her community leadership, raised concerns about the loss of mature trees and heat impacts at the Midtown Commons site, and highlighted issues of accountability and alignment between city statements and actions regarding climate and community values.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Campbell separated Items 9.7 & 9.8

AYES: (11): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Craske, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson McCoy, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Ponton, and Alderperson Sherrill

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Savage

Vote result: Approved (11 to 0)

9.1 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated June 9, 2026

Approve accounts payable (claims) for checks dated June 11, 2026 in the amount of $4,287,605.03.

Vote result: Approved

9.2 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Union Contract Renewal for the Communications Shop within Public Works and Mobility

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a 3 year renewal Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

Vote result: Approved

9.3 Missoula County Airport Authority Milwaukee Trail Corridor Open Space Project

Authorize the Mayor to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Missoula County Airport Authority for the future acquisition of 28 acres of the historic Milwaukee Rail Corridor for use as a future trail and linear park corridor, and to be incorporated in the future as part of Missoula's section of the Great American Rail Trail, contingent on open space bond use approval.

Vote result: Approved

Set a public hearing on June 22, 2026 to authorize up to $130,000 of 2018 Open Space Bond Funds to acquire 28 acres of the historic Milwaukee Rail Corridor from the Missoula County Airport Authority for use as a future trail and linear park corridor, to be incorporated in the future as part of Missoula's section of the Great American Rail Trail.

Vote result: Approved

9.4 Reappointment to the Downtown Business Improvement District

Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Ellen Buchanan to the Downtown Business Improvement District for a term beginning June 1, 2026 and expiring on May 31, 2030.

Vote result: Approved

9.5 Appointment to the Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission

Appoint Nathan Truzzolino for the Regular Member position on the Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission (MCTAC) for a term starting immediately and expiring on December 31, 2027.

Vote result: Approved

9.6 Special Consideration for FY27 Budget Request - FY27 Water Utility Service Line Crew FTE

Approve and adopt the preliminary approval of the addition of one FTE to allow sufficient time for hiring, training, and onboarding before peak construction activity. This staffing adjustment would support both current operations and long-term program stability.

Vote result: Approved

9.9 Resolution Relating to up to $8,072,000 Water System Revenue Bonds (DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program) (SRF Bonds), Series 2026B through Series 2026I; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof

Adopt the Resolution Relating to up to $8,072,000 Water System Revenue Bonds (DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program) (SRF Bonds), Series 2026B through Series 2026I; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof.

Vote result: Approved

9.10 Appointment to the City Planning Commission

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brittany Palmer to the City Planning Commission as Alternate 2 for a term beginning immediately and expiring on December 31, 2027.

Vote result: Approved

9.11 Adopt City Planning Commission Bylaws

Adopt a Resolution establishing the proposed City Planning Commission bylaws, subject to Missoula Resolution #8921.

Vote result: Approved

9.7 Resolution Relating to $5,412,000 Water System Revenue Bond, Series 2026A; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof

Council Comments

- Councilor Campbell expressed concern that the special road district bond introduces property tax revenue into water company improvements, potentially contradicting earlier assurances that such expenses would be covered solely by water department revenues, and questioned whether annual payments would lead to further increases in road district expenditures.
- Councilor Jones supported the bond structure, emphasizing that staff appropriately allocated costs between water rate payers and road district funds based on the building's multi-use functions, and noted that this approach ensures those who benefit from the improvements will pay for them over time.
- Councilor Nugent agreed with Councilor Jones, stating that the bond structure responsibly spreads costs among beneficiaries and commended Public Works for repurposing the building to serve broader city needs, avoiding a more expensive new facility.
- Councilor Becerra supported the bond approach, highlighting that remodeling the existing building saves taxpayers money, allows for departmental growth, and invests in revitalizing the Broadway corridor, aligning with the city's capital improvement plans.

Staff Comments

Leigh Griffin, Finance Director, explained that the funding sources for the building renovation were carefully segregated based on use, with legal documentation ensuring proper allocation between water and road district bonds.

Adopt the Resolution Relating to $5,412,000 Water System Revenue Bond, Series 2026A; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof.

AYES: (11): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Craske, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson McCoy, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Ponton, and Alderperson Sherrill

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Savage

Vote result: Approved (11 to 0)

9.8 Resolution Relating to Special Road District Bond; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof

Adopt the Resolution Relating to Special Road District Bond; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof.

AYES: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Craske, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson McCoy, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Ponton, and Alderperson Sherrill

NAYS: (1): Alderperson Campbell

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Savage

Vote result: Approved (10 to 1)

10. REGULAR BUSINESS

10.1 Committee Reports

10.1.1 Budget and Finance (BF) committee report

10.1.1.1 Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Meeting

10.1.2 Climate, Conservation and Parks (CCP) committee report

10.1.2.1 Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Meeting

10.1.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

10.1.3.1 Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Meeting

10.1.4 Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs (HRCP) committee report

10.1.5 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

10.1.5.1 Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Meeting

10.1.6 Public Safety, Health and Operations (PSHO) committee report

10.1.6.1 Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Meeting

10.1.7 Public Works and Mobility (PWM) committee report

10.2 Informational Reports

10.2.1 Administratively Approved Report

11. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Davis updated the council on strong support for the Franklin Crossing Project, emphasizing its thoughtful planning, local partnerships, and provision of 192 permanently affordable homes, including units for very low-income residents. She noted the project's alignment with climate and land use goals, its proximity to transit and trails, and innovative features like solar panels over parking. The mayor encouraged continued attention to the SAM project and clarified that project scope and funding have been transparently managed.

13. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Becerra expressed support for remodeling the public works building, highlighting cost savings, departmental growth, and investment in the Broadway corridor as key benefits.
- Councilor Anderson reminded everyone to drive safe this summer as school is out soon.
- Councilor Campbell shared that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Missoula Temple (LDS), noting its significance for the community and anticipated completion in a few years.

- Councilor Nugent echoed support for the Franklin Crossing project, clarified that the developer is local, and praised the Parks and Recreation department for their upcoming summer programming efforts.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.